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Red Hawks return?

Red Hawks senior Brook Stover stickhandles around cones during a pre-season training camp drill on Wednesday, Sept. 1 at the Gary G. Brohman Athletic Field in Haliburton. There still isn't an official field hockey season to play yet, but players came together to prepare in the hopes for a season after the pandemic left sports on a hiatus. /DARREN LUM Staff

Resources available to help local businesses implement new vaccine passport

KATRINA BOGUSKI

Editor

On Sept. 1, the provincial government announced that people will need to provide proof of being vaccinated fully and will need to produce ID in order to participate in many public events and to enter many businesses. The purpose of these measures is to control the spread of

COVID-19, especially its most transmissible variants. This next step in the pandemic plan will also put pressure on those members of the public who are eligible to be vaccinated, but have chosen not receive the vaccine yet. A lot of people have been taking advantage of popup vaccine clinics in anticipation of the new regulations.

Many local businesses will be impacted by the need to comply with regulations related to the vaccine certificate and veri-

fication app.

The Haliburton County Echo reached out to the local Chamber of Commerce to find out how this announcement might impact local businesses.

In commenting on the rationale behind the new system, Amanda Conn, executive director of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce noted, "A well-designed vaccine passport system can help prevent another province-wide

lockdown, which would be devastating for our local businesses and local economy. Local organizations will again need to navigate the implementation of a new policy. Still, as we have seen throughout the COVID-19 crisis, our local businesses care deeply about our community as a whole and will find ways to navigate yet another new policy to keep our community safe and successful."

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Motocross racer Gabriel Collette of Quebec readies for a landing while racing in the Corduroy Enduro in 2019 when he finished in 20th place in 2019. Known as Canada's toughest off-road motorcycle race, the Corduroy Enduro will be the spectacle event of the year for Gooderham and Highlands East, which is held from Sept. 23 to 26. The event includes a total purse of \$11,000 for rider's overall standing for the men's pro (top five) and the women's pro class (top four). Submitted by Blair Sharpless.

Grip it and rip it at the Corduroy

GRACE OBORNE

Staff Reporter

It's been two years since the Corduroy Enduro last tested the mettle of riders in the rugged terrain of Gooderham. Now that the COVID-19 restrictions have eased, hundreds of riders will return to survive the rigours of Canada's toughest race.

On Sept. 23 to 26, Corduroy Enduro Riders are hosting its 67th year for this event. The first event was held in Toronto, then it started in Wilberforce for a while, it was then hosted in Kinmount for a few years, and also started in Bobcaygeon for a few years. For roughly the last 15 years, the event has started in Gooderham.

For riders to qualify, they must possess a valid driver's license, and be a minimum age of 16. Any riders under the age of 18 must have a waiver signed by both parents. Motorcycles do not have to be street legal, but off-road registration for the rider's state or province is required. Off-road Ontario membership is also required for all riders.

Riders are required to register online and pay the entry fee. The pre-registration closes Sept. 24.

The main Corduroy Enduro event is to be held Sept. 25 to 26, but there are other events lined up for from Sept. 23 and 24.

"Some of the manufacturers, importers of bikes to Canada, they are going to be there with demo rides for anybody who wants to try a bike, and anyone who rides these kinds of motorcycles can bring their riding gear and try out a brand new 2022 model," said Blair Sharpless, chairman of the event.

With COVID-19 in the way, Gooderham wasn't able to host the Corduroy Enduro event last year. Now that restrictions are lifting, Gooderham has been given the go-ahead host the event as long as protocols are followed.

"We're in stage three, so we've been given an okay to use that the Gooderham centre and then also the community centre. Normally, we do a big dinner on the Saturday night, but none of that is happening this year. Even though we've been told we can have indoor activities safely, we don't want to be inside a building at all," said Sharpless.

"The only people going to be using the actual buildings are the scoring crews, there are five of them, and we're going to use it for registration. That will be a single file process, spaced out and everybody just goes in through one door and out the other just like the vaccination clinic that was held at the centre recently," he added.

Sharpless made it clear that protocols set out by the province will be followed. Screening is mandatory for everyone to complete within 72 hours of arriving, everyone has to wear a mask and maintain social distancing.

Due to COVID, there have been changes and how the event is run. Before, indoor facilities would be used for inclement weather during the trophy presentation, a movie night, and the Saturday night dinner that was done every year.

"All of that is going to be outside now. We're also paying for a more expensive speaker system throughout the park there so that spectators and riders don't need to gather to hear the information," said Sharpless.

The 2021 Promotion Corduroy Enduro has a purse of \$11,000 to be awarded based on the rider's overall standing. For men's pro, first place standing earns \$4,000, second place earns \$2,500, third place earns \$800, fourth

earns \$300, and fifth earns \$200.

For woman's pro, the first place standing earns \$1,500, second place earns \$800, third place earns \$500, and fourth place earns \$200.

"This is not a spectator sport, it is a riders' sport. The riders are going out and trying to get themselves through the course and ride their best. They're trying to not break their bike because the Haliburton trails with all the rocks and mud are very hard on motorcycles. It's a real endurance challenge for not only the riders but also the motorcycles," said Sharpless.

Each day, the endurance starts at 9 a.m. and is on strict timing. If the riders fall further than one hour behind schedule, then they're removed from the race.

"We set our speed average of 24 to 30 kilometres an hour because we don't want people riding fast in the transit sections. If they fall further than an hour behind schedule, then they're considered disqualified, and they're pulled out of the event at that point, because we can't have riders out there in the dark," said Sharpless.

"We have two runners who go ahead of time, and then we have pre-runners in front of the racers to make sure the course is still good, and there's no problems. Then behind the last rider who starts, we have a group of what we call sweepers. They make sure that everybody's off the course and pull the markers down. We can't have those checkpoint crews and those sweepers out there at night, so that's why we have that one hour rule for riders," he added.

On Friday Sept. 24, there will be a vintage ride. This is a short course but it allows for older riders to come out with their old bikes. The oldest rider who has registered thus far is 78 years old. At the vintage ride, there will be a bike that was built in 1953.

There will be takeout food available for purchase on site the day of the event from different food vendors. Any vendor must have their own COVID safety plans which must be adhered to.

"There are two vendors so far, who will be there, but it'd be a takeout basis. There is a group of local women who are also going to use the kitchen in the community centre. Everything is going to be served outside and there will be a few tables for people to sit and enjoy. The food is takeout so that people don't gather," Sharpless said.

"We're still looking for a few vendors, so chip wagons or anything like that should contact me if they want to be on site. There's going to be a lot of people there who are going to be hungry, that's for sure. They're more than welcome as long as they're following all the Kawartha health unit protocols," he added.

It is significant for the community that this event is hosted in Gooderham. Locals enjoy coming out to watch each year.

"The event brings a large amount of money into the area at a time of year where there isn't anything. It's before hunting season and it's after cottage season. It also makes people aware there's an awful lot of good trail on crown land," said Sharpless.

"Everybody I know think it's just great. I see some of the local people out at the event watching they say it's just amazing. Overall, we've had really no complaints," he said.

Everyone is encouraged and welcomed to go watch or ride and if vendors would like to attend the event, more information can be found at www.corduroyenduro.ca/blog/.

A one-way ticket, two suitcases and another waterfront view

KATRINA BOGUSKI

Editor

A somewhat curvy career path has unfolded in my life and the most recent turn on that road has led me to the editor's desk at the *Haliburton County Echo*. It's a great view from this desk and looking out onto Head Lake is just one more confirmation that buying a one-way ticket from Vancouver five years ago was a good investment.

In August of 2016, I arrived with no job, no car and only two suitcases. My one-way ticket from Vancouver got me as far as Toronto, and a long bus ride brought me to Combermere. If things had not worked out, my plan was to head on to Nova Scotia where I had spent a year from 2010 to 2011. Things did work out, and life here keeps getting better.

My two suitcases somehow multiplied into a four-bedroom house on a plot of land in Palmer Rapids. The place has a garden, two cats and more than enough of everything needed to make it feel like home. With those items checked off my to do list, it was time to focus on my next ambitions.

I spent many years as a yacht broker



Katrina Boguski is the new editor of the *Haliburton County Echo* and *County Life*. She started on Wednesday, Sept. 1./
DARREN LUM Staff

in Vancouver, and as such, always had a waterfront office looking out over the Pacific. Having an office with a view of the water was never something I planned, but it is one of those recurring themes in my life that continually reappears. The first day sitting here at the editor's desk there was another waterfront view that appeared serendipitously.

I have a master's degree from UBC and have worked as a college instructor, corporate trainer and publicist among other things. Just prior to arriving in Haliburton I was a staff reporter at another com-

munity newspaper and loved the opportunity to dive into stories about the people, places and events at the heart of that community.

During university and graduate school days I sold dead fish for living. That job taught me a lot about life, and about the importance of rotating stock to keep things fresh. My hope is that our readers will play an important role in forming the editorial content of this paper. We want to know what is important to you and what fresh ideas you would like read about. For the next little while, there will be lots to

think about on the drive to work in the morning; my hope is that much of that time will be spent noodling over ideas generated from community members who are engaged in shaping the future of Haliburton.

My plan has always been to get another property as soon as possible, and when the opportunity to work in Haliburton presented itself, my radar zoned in on property in this area. I will be splitting my time between Haliburton and Palmer Rapids while seeking out that next place and am looking forward to exploring the surrounding area in the meantime.

There is a good chance that we will run into each other at a hockey game, an arts event or at one of the local businesses. When we do, please be sure to introduce yourself and let me know what issues are important to you. There is a lot to learn in this job and having input from readers about the stories that are most important to you will go a long way to help me get up to speed and build on the success this paper has had for so many years.

The staff at the *Haliburton County Echo* have been incredible to me through these first few days, and it is a privilege to be working with them to produce your community newspaper.

Chamber of Commerce can help local businesses adapt

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There are still several details about how the system of vaccine verification will roll out, and some of those unknown factors could have serious implications for small businesses. Conn said, "There remains an opportunity for the government to provide further guidance to the province's business community, particularly around workplace vaccination policies for employees. We are concerned that a lack of clear guidance will disproportionately impact small businesses and lead to a patchwork of inconsistent policies across the province."

It is unknown when the further details on the specifics of the verification system will be finalized. To aid businesses who are waiting, Conn advises "In the absence of guidance for workplace vaccination policies, The Chamber Network recommends organizations refer to the Ontario Chamber of Commerce's *Vax-Pass Tents*, a proof-of-vaccination framework to support reopening plans for Ontario private sector businesses, developed by the Ontario Chamber of Commerce in consultation with McCarthy Tétrault."

Once more details are available, the Chamber Network plans to get up to speed on the specifics and will be working with the government to ensure local businesses are able to implement the new system as smoothly as possible.

Conn noted that rapid screening kits; ongoing advocacy for clearer guidance on these policies and curated information about Proof-of-Vaccination certificates are among the many things businesses can access. Conn said, "We are currently working with the Chamber Network to ensure businesses across Ontario will have the tools they need to implement with the help of The Chamber."

She added, "The Chamber Network is committed to helping prevent another province-wide lockdown, which would be devastating for businesses and the economy."

There are some circumstances that could have made rolling out the vaccine passport more challenging for small rural

communities. One of these challenges includes availability or reliable internet service in some areas. Conn said, "As we know internet connectivity is an ongoing challenge for much of our County. We are encouraged to hear that while planning the new certificate system, lack of internet connectivity was considered and addressed."

Restaurants, meeting spaces and gyms are among the businesses that will be impacted especially by these new regulations.

The *Haliburton Echo* contacted Heather Seabrooke to find out her reaction to the new regulations. Seabrooke is the co-owner of Step of Grace Conditioning Studio in Haliburton. She said, "We are fortunate and lucky in this small town. Being a personal training studio over a regular gym helps us a lot. Many of our clients are long standing and all are already vaccinated." Although there may be the loss of some potential new business, the studio is in a relatively good spot to deal with these recent changes. She said, "... thankfully we have a solid base of wonderful clients." The new regulations will go into effect Sept. 22. A press release from the Office of the Premier explained which businesses will require proof of vaccination. These include: restaurants and bars (excluding outdoor patios, as well as delivery and takeout); meeting and event spaces, such as banquet halls and conference/convention centres; facilities used for sports and fitness activities and personal fitness training, such as gyms, fitness and recreational facilities with the exception of youth recreational sport; concerts, music festivals, theatres, cinemas and several other venues. These requirements would not apply to outdoor settings where the risk of transmission is low.

While the need to respond to this latest requirement could prove challenging for some businesses, there is a potential bright side to the situation which may benefit some local companies, Conn said. "According to the TD Bank - Provinces with a vaccine passport system in place will also experience higher economic

growth, greater consumer and business confidence, and reduced risk of further lockdowns compared to those without a domestic passport system. Our local

community and economy could benefit from this growth, greater confidence, and reduced risk."

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Haliburton-based musical duo tours the Highlands to bring live music to your dock

GRACE OBORNE

Staff Reporter

Earlier this summer, the Ontario's Highlands Tourism Organization (OHTO) launched a campaign to promote local tourism and support area businesses.

The campaign consisted of a video series shared to social media that featured stories on seven locals, describing their personal connections to the area.

Nick Russell and Benton Brown, Haliburton-based musicians were the focus of the series' second video.

"We were very fortunate to be selected as one of the seven locals. We spent three days with a really great crew in Haliburton, sort of filming what Benton and I do every weekend, so we did a gig, we went to the cafe, we went out to dinner, and did some interview time. They [OHTO] took it back and edited a really beautiful mini [documentary] that showcases not only our music, but just some gorgeous shots of the lakes and county of Haliburton," said Russell.

Russell and Brown have both grown up in Haliburton county and both attended Guelph University but growing up, they didn't know each other too well.

"We didn't really know each other too well. We knew each other a little bit in high school and in university, but we were never super close, because we were in different worlds because we were different ages as well," said Brown.

It wasn't until a few years ago, in 2019, when Russell and his family moved back to Haliburton and Brown invited them over for dinner. It was that night, at dinner, where the duo officially decided to



Haliburton-based musical duo Nick and Benton have been playing together since 2018. They're popular for their Bonfire Sessions, where they provide private concerts at homes or cottages around a bonfire or dock. Photo by Danielle Clements

become a duo.

"Benton knew that we were a young family moving back to the area, so he kindly invited us over to his place for dinner. We brought our one year old at the time, and had a really great dinner. Benton, at that time, brought out a guitar and said, 'let's play a tune.' So we just very naturally sat down and started playing a bit of a blues and we actually ended up writing our first blues song that night," Russell said.

"Nick loves improvising with his guitar, and I love to improvise with my voice, so this blending of two different worlds, where we're both kind of masters of our own domain, just fit naturally,"

said Brown.

Shortly after realizing their talent as a duo band, Russell and Brown created a platform for live music in the cottage country, which they call Bonfire Sessions. Bonfire sessions is where people can hire them to come to their personal properties in the Highlands area and they bring a concert to their dock or bonfire.

"It is a cool thing and I think it's what has helped our success so far. It's our platform that we created, in which people can hear us. A lot of musical groups stick to going to play the same bars, but for us, this idea of creating the venue to be at home, has really allowed people to really get into it. Everybody loves to host a

party on the lake or their home, and we'll come in to take that party up a notch," said Brown.

Asides from nature and art being inspirations for their music, to both Russel and Brown, family is the central inspiration and focus of their creativity.

"Family is a big part of what we do, and we're really fortunate where, we're musical partners, but we're also great buddies. So even when we're not creating music together, our families are often getting together for dinners or just to hang out. I think that, that vibrancy we experience in having a young family contributes to the liveliness of the music that people perceive when they're watching us play," said Russell.

"I would totally echo all Nick said. I also think that most musicians are absolutely influenced by other musicians and listening to the type of music that they're into. I can definitely relate to that from a vocalist perspective," added Brown.

Russell and Brown are a due, electric guitars voice that is described as a merging of soul pop and blues.

"The sound is just raw in a really nice way, in an interesting way. They're fun songs. They're songs that catch your attention and their songs that have a little bit of depth if you listen to them carefully. Sometimes they are easy to pass off as just a funky tune, but if you listen to the lyrics, there's some real depth to them. Our music definitely has layers of meaning to them," said Russell as he described their musical style.

Though the two have only been playing together for a few years, they've built unforgettable memories together over that time.

"Benton and I took days off from our

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Football trailblazer engineers inspiring success

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Haliburton Highlands Hall of Fame inductee Taly Williams may be the first pro football player to come from here, but it's his achievements in applied science and environmental engineering that has truly changed lives.

Williams, who is the co-founder and managing partner at AQORA Capital, an investment firm in Los Angeles focused on water infrastructure, technology and services, is among the first group of inductees for the Hall of Fame and joins fellow athletes Michael Bradley, Glen Dart, Cody Hodgson, Donald Beverley "Joe" Iles, Marla MacNaull, Bernie Nicholls, Ron Stackhouse, Lesley Tashlin, Anna Tomlinson, and Jake Walker while Linda Brandon, Albert John "Ab" LaRue and Lenny Salvatori are going in as builders. There was an induction ceremony planned for later this year, but that has been postponed for next year because of concerns related to COVID-19.

Williams learned he was being inducted earlier this year around the time the JDHES student effort to have him and his sister be added to the athletes' mural wall on the side of the A.J. LaRue Arena was at its height.

He appreciated being recognized with the induction.

"It's great to be in the Haliburton [Highlands] Hall of Fame. Haliburton is obviously a phenomenal hockey town and includes athletes from here that made it to the highest level in other sports too. The announcement did come during the whole mural discussion so it kind of overshadowed it a bit for me, but I'm still very happy to be inducted. I don't think I ever looked back at my career until this year when the mural discussion came up and a comment came up during council whether or not who deserved that. So it was an opportunity to go back and take a look at and say, 'What are my accomplishments?'"

His achievements include holding two high school track records that still stand today, being the first Highlands athlete to play pro football, which he did with the Hamilton Tiger Cats and the Toronto Argonauts from 1994 to 1996, graduating from Waterloo University with degree in applied science/civil engineer and environmental engineering in 1994, awarded patents and trademarks, designing and overseeing the construction of the first drinking water plant in US history to comply with the U.S. Government's public health requirements to remediate the toxic gasoline additive, MTBE, including using his applied science background to invent a golfing training aid, the TALY MIND Set.

When Williams was a youth he moved from the area to live in Toronto for several years following a divorce. Near the end of his high school career, he returned to the area and would graduate with the second highest overall average from the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. It was an achievement he still holds high on his list of achievements for what it was and for how it countered the stereotype that Blacks are not intelligent.

HHSS was where he not only first played football, but was where his teachers inspired, his coaches motivated, his peers spurred him on to his academic best, but it also set him up for professional success.

High school coaches called Williams a gifted athlete. He still holds a record in the high jump of 1.90 metres and triple jump of 13.10 metres. These are records that still stand after more than three dec-



Taly Williams is an environmental engineer, who is respected for resolving drinking water challenges. Being at the forefront of innovation related to water treatment plants, like this one he helped design for the City of Santa Monica, Williams hopes his story of coming from a small town with very little will inspire other young people to be their best. Photo submitted by Taly Williams.

ades.

His high academic average helped him earn entry to the well-regarded engineering program at Waterloo University.

Williams said even though his degree was in civil engineering, it was his optional area of study in environmental engineering that led him down a path for his success and to what he currently does.

"One thing I wanted as an engineer was I did not want to just go and redo what everybody else had done. Environmental engineering ... there's always something new going in the environment and some new contaminant out there that's destroying water or something. That's why I got into environmental engineering. You got an opportunity to come up with new things," he said.

There is pride behind being a key figure for water remediation in the environmental engineering field.

"That's actually why I went over to Los Angeles. I had an idea and I worked with another engineering firm over there and we pilot-tested and came up with a new type of treatment and were able to get it permitted," he said.

Before the treatment plant, Santa Monica didn't have drinking water available through their water treatment plant in 1999. The oil companies were paying to bring in drinking water because of how they were contaminating the water source.

After a few years, his water plant proved its self.

"We ran it for a number of years and showed, hey, it's reliable and its effective and we're able to get their water back. At the same time, my job turned into more of a litigation support because of the big lawsuit against the oil companies for actually contaminating the water, so I ended up being the lead technical expert, as part of my role, which is something I do a lot of now," he said.

Now he is often called on as an expert and is currently still involved with lawsuits related to MTBE contamination of water sources in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico. His expertise in water remediation is recognized around the world.

There is a value in giving back. It's something he wants to do since being involved with the mural effort in Halibur-

ton. He hopes his story can inspire others, who may be facing similar challenges that he endured growing up in a small town with his four sisters, including Tashlin, an Olympian.

"We grew up with very little. We were poor. Haliburton is a beautiful place with cottages and lakes, but that's not how I grew up. And I've come to learn that that's not how many that live in Haliburton even now, grow up. And kudos to my mom because even though we didn't have much, somehow she raised five kids who all went on to be great parents, excellent citizens, with careers. For anyone out there who is going through this right now, I say: hang in there. You can do it. It gets better. As hard as my childhood was, I would never change it. It made me the person that I am today. And I am comfortable in saying that I am one of the best in the world and I came from very little. And it's because I came from very little, that I'm able to empathize with certain things and hopefully help others coming up," he wrote in an email. "To others out there: If you can; give, give, give. It's absolutely amazing what the littlest amount of giving can do for a child. Even a used pair of shoes gives confidence to a child. Don't ask if they need help. Just find a way to discreetly have something show up at their door. When I was in college one of my sisters used to send me baked cookies once in a while. An aunt

used to send a box every couple of years with some toiletries and stuff. These little bits of giving can provide that little bit of a pick-me-up that brings a little smile that day, that helps that kid keep pushing on."

When it comes to being the best in the world, it does not have anything to do with football, he said.

"It's a belief that I have and that I preach that we are all the best in the world at something. We just have to uncover what that is. It may be fishing. It may be driving a Ski-Doo. You may never know. Along the way in life we start to notice, or other people notice, (or some people never discover), what it is that we are the best in the world at. And it's our choice what we do with it. But it takes a tremendous amount of digging to discover exactly what that is. We may have an idea that we are a pretty good writer, but with a lot of digging it may be that we discover that it is a very specific type of kids book that we are the best in the world at writing. Once you've discovered it or come close, you can be confident in saying that you are the best in the world at it," he said.

His time in the pro ranks of the gridiron was brief.

Leaving football was a conscious decision for his health and for his professional future.

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Haliburton you make a great first impression

YOU NEVER get a second chance to make a first impression. As it happened, on Aug. 18 the town of Haliburton made a pretty good impression on me, and that was one of the factors which led me to accept the position as editor of this paper. My work as a staff reporter at another community newspaper was going well. In fact, it was going so well that my mind began exploring the possibility that now might be a good time to consider options to advance my career.

An ad for the position of editor appeared on a job board about the same time this idea was starting to take root. My application was sent off on Aug. 11, and after a few emails and a phone call or two, an interview was set up for Aug. 16. Considering that there was a real possibility this interview might lead to a full-time job in a place I knew little about, I took a road trip to Haliburton from Palmer Rapids the Saturday before the interview in order to check things out.

I had been through Haliburton once or twice before, but it was on route to somewhere else, and on those occasions there was no real reason for me to stop here. Suddenly, there was a good reason to stop and making that stop launched the next chapter in my career.

On that Saturday, in many ways, Haliburton was being interviewed by me. Was this a place I could see myself working? Was this a town where I could live? Was this a community that had some interesting newsworthy stories that would captivate my imagination? Yes, yes and yes. Haliburton was a place in which I could work, live, and thrive. That

realization made my interview at the paper flow much more easily than it might have if I didn't see Haliburton as a place that would work for me.

This experience is a good reminder that, on any given day, a person could be driving through Haliburton pondering questions such as those that were on my mind a few Saturdays ago. Clean storefronts, a bustling main street, friendly customer service at local businesses all add up to make a strong first impression about the pride people take in their work and their community.



katrina boguski

Editorial

Even after a stretch of time that has put many business owners and their employees through the mill, the folks in Haliburton have the grit to shine when they are under the spotlight. The staff at The Haliburton Echo have continually confirmed my hunch that Haliburton is a pretty cool little village that punches above its weight in many areas including the arts, sports, entrepreneurship and community service.

It is with some considerable degree of eagerness that I look forward to meeting as many people as possible. It is very important to me to keep up to speed on the issues that are important to the people who live and work here. Free speech and lively discussion, that is both civil and informative, have always been essential for me. It is also important to shine light on those people and stories that would not make the news in a city, but that are nevertheless important to the local community. Thanks to everyone who made a good first impression on me a few Saturdays ago; glad to be part of this thriving community.



Autumn blossoms

by Darren Lum

When life changes

IT HAPPENED the other day as he was turning the corner. Out for his morning walk, Tom's eye had been caught by the unexpected splash of red. There on the edge of a sugar maple was the first sign of approaching fall. He hadn't expected to see it yet. The timing seemed too soon. Just last week he was holed up indoors to get away from the oppressive heat and relentless sun. The roads were still choked with vehicles every weekend.

However Tom loved autumn. It had so much going for it: virtually no bugs, no humidity, fresh temperatures, cool nights, less people in town. But the season was too short. Just when he had settled in to wearing a light jacket and finding a parking spot on main street, his hands started to freeze and the snow began.

Weather was sort of a metaphor for life he thought, looking away from the tree and contemplating the other changes coming up. No more loons calling in the night. Like so many of his friends, they will have headed south. Pretty soon he'll be starting up the woodstove for those chilly evenings.

But not yet. Not yet while there was still warmth in the afternoon and the hummingbirds continued to dive bomb the roses in his backyard. However Tom knew what lay ahead. Soon his neighbour Jim will be busy shutting down cottage water systems. Big noisy watercraft will grow silent on the lake. A harvest moon might make an appearance, skimming its light over the calm waters, looking a bit like a pumpkin face above a rippling mirror.

Of course seasons weren't the only changes in life. Children changed from tanned and barefoot forest explorers to groomed citizens following rules and routine. At least for the most part. Old friends moved away or got sick or died. Babies were born. Neighbours moved into condos. They say it's all part of the circle of life. But sometimes Tom wanted that circle to stay still, to remain in a good and happy place instead of changing.

He'd noticed the changes in himself

as well. The pace of his morning walks had slowed and he had to stop to catch his breath on some of the hills. Afternoon naps after lunch had become a more regular part of his day and the old dog looked forward to climbing onto the couch with him. Much less ball chasing and romping around those rose bushes.

The pace of life changed with the seasons and with age. Then there's the larger world outside Tom's little corner. Big changes happening there. He liked to stay in touch with the larger picture but sometimes it was difficult to understand why events were unfolding as they were. People seemed so angry. Not everyone but still many folks were shouting and waving signs, cursing the authorities. Tom saw their faces on his screen. Twisted in rage, fists in the air. They seemed to be either protesting changes with which they didn't agree or else demanding changes to the way things were.

For Tom, life was pretty good. He lived in a safe and beautiful spot on the map, surrounded by nature and mostly kind and friendly people. His garden had produced more than he could eat this summer, the air he breathed

was fresh and fragrant with pine and most days he could count on catching a glimpse of a deer or two. No wars. No starvation. No buried children in the backyard.

He really had nothing to complain about and he knew it. But he also knew how quickly it could all change. Maybe a trip to the doctor's office would alter his outlook. Or a car that decided to throw in the towel. Or another car veering from its rightful place on the highway and heading toward him or those he cared about. There was just no predicting.

So all Tom could do was watch the changing landscape on his morning walks and savour the pleasures he had. Because in the end, life was all about change and much of it was unpredictable anyway.

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Shape shifting

THE OTHER DAY I was doing important work for the newspaper alongside all the other dedicated staff who place flyers into our products. That's when I overheard two of our younger employees begin an interesting discussion about the legendary Bermuda Triangle.

This caused me to shut up and listen carefully because a) no one wanted to hear any more dad jokes or stories about how music was better when I was young, and b) no one has talked about the Bermuda Triangle since 1978.

To be honest, I actually thought the Bermuda Triangle disappeared into the Bermuda Triangle, never to be seen again, somewhere around that time.

Furthermore, I was quite surprised that these two young people even knew of its existence.

For those who do not know about it, the Bermuda Triangle was an imaginary zone, interestingly enough, with a common geometric shape off the coast of Bermuda. It was said to be an area where compasses and radio signals did not work, so in that way it was like most hunt camps. More importantly, many people claimed that hundreds of airplanes, yachts, helicopters, and television documentaries disappeared into it, never to be heard from again.

That last part was a little harder to believe – I mean why would people make documentaries about this?

As for the disappearance of air and seaborne vessels, the theories regarding why this occurred were plentiful, but most pointed to the



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obvious explanation: that aliens chose this remote triangle of ocean to remove these vessels and passengers from our planet for study and experimentation. And 30 per cent of Americans bought it.

This made for some interesting TV at the time, since there were many unanswered questions, such as "Why does Robert Stack always get to narrate all the creepy stories?" and "Can an enterprising kid find a way to use the Bermuda Triangle to explain what happened to his homework?"

I can't comment on the first question, but I can tell you that the answer to the second question was a resounding no.

But the one mystery that remains to this day that no one ever seemed to dwell on was, why would the aliens choose to make this zone a triangle?

Even as a kid this made no sense to me, because everything we knew about aliens at that time – and, if the comic books of our day were to be believed, this was plenty – suggested that aliens tended to like circular, saucer or cigar shapes best. Moreover, they didn't really need any specific triangular zones since they could just fly over any lonely rural road and beam a person up for a quick proctological probe, which made a whole lot more sense if you think about it.

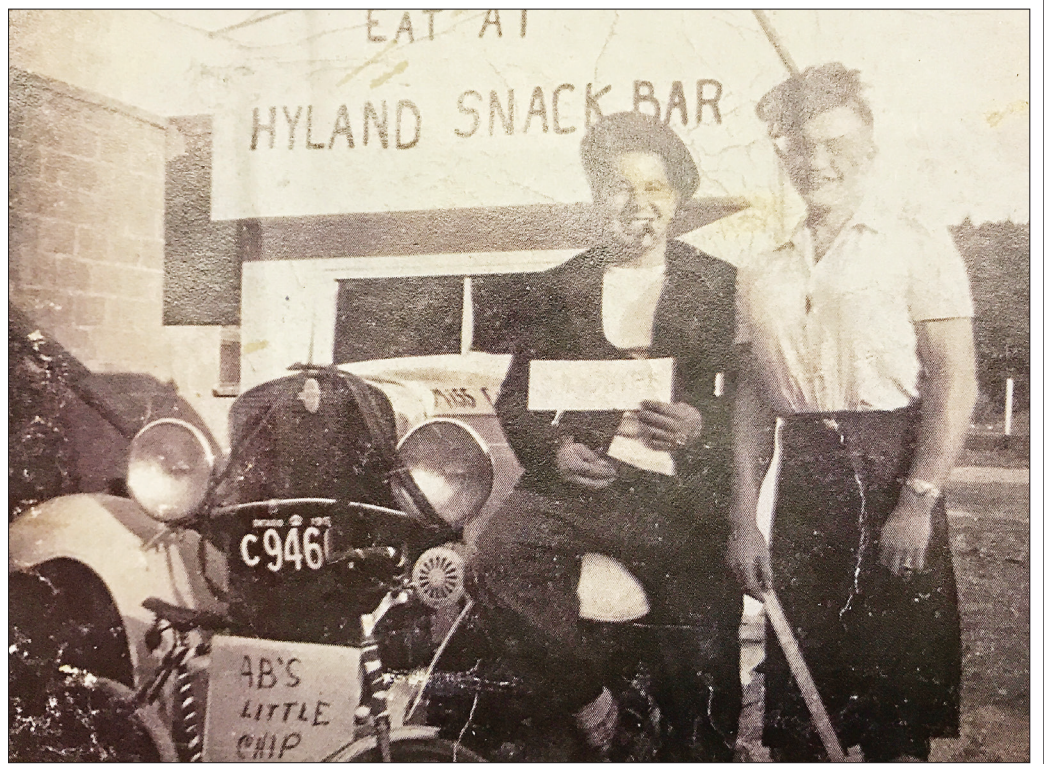
Heck, even if you accepted the Bermuda Triangle theory, there were questions that were unanswered. For instance, was the Bermuda Triangle an isosceles, scalene or equilateral triangle? And, given your attention span in class why would aliens decide to take your homework?

These questions were unanswered predominantly because the teacher asked me them when I told her where my geometry homework was.

All this did not stop me from posing one final question to the two young women: "The Bermuda Triangle is interesting, but do you think it would have had a different image if it was called the Bermuda Circle?"

They then asked what would make it different?

The answer was pointless.



pic of the past

A twenty-something Lenny Salvatori, from left, and Herb Baker, who was the older brother to Stuart Baker, pose for a photo with the Hyland Snack Bar "chip wagon," which was used to sell food in town on the weekends, during the Rotary Carnival Parade from the late-1950s. Salvatori and Baker worked for Ab and Wilda LaRue, who owned and operated the Hyland Snack Bar restaurant, which was located where Country Rose had operated for years on County Road 21 before moving. Submitted by Scotty LaRue

Throwdown Collective returns to Sculpture Forest



Haliburton Sculpture Forest

The Haliburton Sculpture Forest and Dance Happens Here Haliburton are pleased to announce Dance Rx³: Re-emergence, Re-engagement, & Re-connection, a dance event in two parts: Re-emergence and Re-engagement in September 2021 and Re-connection in Winter 2022. This project is a collaboration with the Throwdown Collective.

From September 13 to 18 visitors will have a chance to see dance artists Brian Solomon, Noriko Yamamoto, Phylicia Browne-Charles, Madeline Friel and Throwdown Collective (Mairéad Filgate, Brodie Stevenson and Irvin Chow) as they spend a week in solo creative dance residency in the Haliburton Sculpture Forest. These selected artists have been invited to take an existing work or idea – perhaps halted by the pandemic – and to re-engage, re-configure, and adapt it to the outdoor environment, exploring it through a new lens. The artists will be in the Sculpture Forest (weather permitting) from noon to 4 p.m. each day. Community members are welcome to come and see their work in progress. There will be a community forum on Friday, Sept. 17 for peo-

ple to talk with the artists about their process.

In Winter of 2022 (date TBD) the dancers and choreographers will get reconvene for a live event do discuss their work, sit in for a Q&A and possibly perform their work live (depending on pandemic restrictions).

Re-emergence and Re-engagement coincidentally occur during the week of Hike Haliburton, so hikers taking a guided tour of the Sculpture Forest will be able to see the dancers at work.

The Haliburton Sculpture Forest is home to 38 outdoor sculptures and 6 unique sculptural benches by Indigenous, international, and Canadian artists.

In light of COVID-19 restrictions, please bring a mask for when social distancing is not possible.

We also encourage you to visit the Downtown Haliburton Sculpture Exhibition - - an exhibit of six sculptures in downtown Haliburton. Enjoy the downtown shops, galleries, cafes and outdoor patios and see some great art at the same time. The sculptures are available for purchase until Oct. 28.

You can find guides for both the Sculpture Forest and our downtown exhibit at the Haliburton Welcome Centre on York Street, at the entrance to the Sculpture Forest or online at haliburtonsculptureforest.ca.

Youkie Stagg
Summer Outreach Co-ordinator
Haliburton Sculpture Forest



Minden Skate Club coach Dave Hollows watches skaters Georgia Neilson, from left, and Madison DeCarlo during summer programming.



Summer smiles
Minden Skating Club coach and interim chairperson Jane Symons, who is reflected in the glass readies to test skaters' skills during summer programming on Thursday, Aug. 26 at the A.J. Larue Arena. / DARREN LUM Staff



Bancroft Skate Club instructor Jennifer Knopp works with beginner skater Aubrie McEnery.



Coach Lisa Allore shares a light moment with Bancroft Skate Club's Gracelyn Lawrence.

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Symons helps coach Olivia Fitzell with preparation for a dance test. The summer offering, which included skaters part of the CANskate and Star 1 to 4 program, also had members of the Bancroft Skate Club. The Minden Skate Club will continue its programming this year at the recently opened S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena.



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New online 50/50 monthly lottery is a win-win for health care in our community

LISA TOMPKINS

Special to the Echo

HHHS Foundation has just completed its 2nd monthly online lottery event, and it's proving to be a win-win for health care in the community, with 50% of the funds raised going to a monthly winner, and the other 50% supporting local hospital and health care priority medical equipment needs here in Haliburton County.

Tickets can be purchased for \$20.00 for 100 ticket numbers, \$10.00 for 20 ticket numbers, or \$5.00 for 5 ticket numbers. The ticket sales website www.hhhsf5050.ca provides real-time information on the estimated take-home prize for the month, as well as indicating the time remaining to purchase tickets.

It's important to note that there is a brand new 50/50 lottery event each month; the jackpot resets for each monthly draw, and ticket sales start anew. Tickets purchased are eligible for the monthly draw event in which they are purchased, and do not gain the purchaser entry into future 50/50 draws.

While the 50/50 ticket purchase format is designed



primarily for online sales, tickets can now also be purchased in-person at the HHHS Foundation Haliburton office, through the use of a dedicated hand-held sales device.

How will the funds raised be used? Funds raised will support the Foundation's established fundraising priorities for health care capital equipment this year, including new Workstations on Wheels ("WoWs") for the new Clinical Information System (CIS) being implemented at both Haliburton and Minden hospital sites in December. This initiative, in partnership with a number of other hospitals in the central east region, will provide patients and their entire care teams to real-time access to each patient's health information in one place. The new CIS means: One digital record for each patient across seven hospital organizations in the central east region.

Patient access to a user-friendly and secure portal called MyChart, to view their health information and upcoming appointments.

Implementation of evidence-based best practices across the care continuum.

Timely access to information to support clinical decision-making, including test results, medication information and other essential health information.

Improvements in patient safety features, including barcode identity validation at the patient's bedside.

Less duplication and more efficient processes, contributing to a more sustainable health system.

The WoWs themselves are ergonomic technology carts, practical for patient care workflow, and an important component of the new CIS delivery; as a tool for medical professionals, they can house both the digital medical record technology equipment, as well as have the potential for carrying other medical equipment and supplies.

Other identified equipment for fundraising to benefit patient care this year also includes some enhancement/expansion to the recently implemented Cardiac Teleme-



Amanda Dovell holds a cheque for her 50/50 winnings./ Submitted

try equipment, as well as support for Long Term Care – accessible bathtubs, and new call-bell technology for residents' rooms.

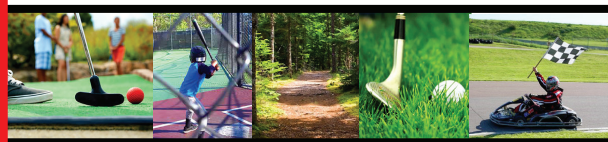
With fundraising initiatives like the new 50/50 lottery, and the ongoing support of a generous community, it's definitely a win for health care.

Amanda Dovell of West Guilford is our latest 50/50 lottery winner, with winning ticket B-3449048. Tickets for the September 50/50 draw are available now until 11:59pm September 30, with the grand prize draw taking place on October 1.

HHHS Foundation 5050 raffle lottery, LIC# RAF1207576, is an online monthly charity raffle in support of the purchase of priority capital equipment for local hospital and health care facilities. Purchasers must be in the province of Ontario at the time of ticket purchase, and must be 18 years of age or older to participate. Visit www.hhhsf5050.ca to see full rules of play or to purchase tickets, or call 705-457-1580 for more information.

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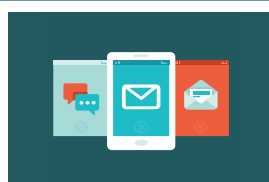


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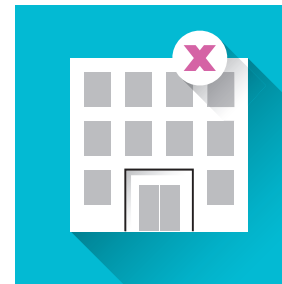
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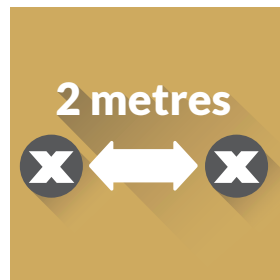
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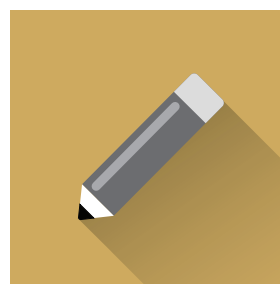


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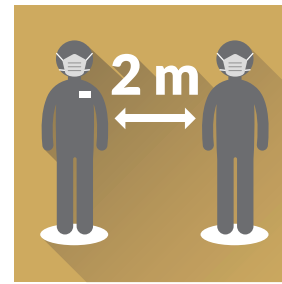
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New moose regulations questioned

STEVE GALEA

Special to the Echo

Ontario's new moose hunting regulations will take effect this year – and, as you would expect when the changes are so comprehensive, not everyone is happy.

The new regulations were developed, according to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, after a public consultation period in 2019. The Moose Management Review, conducted by Ontario's

Big Game Management Advisory Committee, set out to hear from moose hunters across Ontario in order to make recommendations to the MNRF.

Upon receiving those recommendations, the MNRF went to work doing an overhaul of moose regulations. The hope was to improve moose management in order to bolster waning moose populations in some areas, and to provide a fairer system of moose tag allocations for resident hunters.

Ontario is a huge province with diverse moose habitats, hunting opportunities and traditions. What is welcome in one area might not be in another.

Here in Haliburton County, Keith Hodgson and Kim Roberts, who have both been moose hunters in excess of 40 years each, have major concerns with the new regulations. And, an informal survey of local moose hunters, indicates they are not alone.

Their first concern is that the system is too complex.

"It's going to take a few years before most moose hunting group captains understand the system," said Hodgson.

Roberts added, "The process they implemented is very technical, because it has so many steps." (In fact, there are 18 pages "summarizing" moose hunting regulations in the 2021 Hunting Regulations

Summary. Much of that explains new regulations. Other pages direct moose hunters to two web pages that help explain the process further.)

Roberts explained that, in order for groups to have tags each year, and in order for a group not to overharvest moose on the properties they hunt, a group will need to think and plan more strategically, and for the long term.

"Each group is going to need to have someone who coordinates the effort and makes sure members of their hunting party apply for the right tags and apply with the right points for the proper tag selection for the hunting party to remain sustainable," she said.

The point system is at the heart of the new regulations. Tags are allocated on a point-based system, starting this year. The system awards a hunter one point for each year they applied for an adult tag unsuccessfully since last receiving one or since they began applying if they have never received one.

In this inaugural season, points are calculated based on the hunter's draw history from 1993 to 2020. Starting this year, bull, cow/calf or calf tags in each Wildlife Management Unit are awarded to the hunters with the highest points applying for them. Once the hunter applying is successful in getting the tag they want, their points revert to zero and they must build them up again. Likewise, a hunter who applies for a tag and is not awarded one, accumulates one additional point making the odds of success greater next year. This is meant to ensure, that in the long term, everyone eventually will find themselves with enough points to successfully draw a tag. That part appeals to hunters who have applied for many years for an adult tag without getting one.

But, as Roberts says, just because your group has five hunters with enough points for tags, doesn't mean you should use them all in one season. Otherwise, next season your group might find itself with many hunters with inadequate point scores and without any tags. The idea is to always try to keep at least one high point hunter in reserve for next season, so you the group always has a least one tag a season.

Hodgson also worries that the complexity of the new regulations might cause some people to quit moose hunting, and says he already knows someone who has.

"It [the new system] is put forth poorly," he said.

Roberts also says, in her experience, initially the phone-in system to determine draw success was unnecessarily complex and difficult to follow.

Aside from what they believe to be a confusing implementation, both feel the new system might actually hurt moose hunting revenues in Ontario.

"One reason the point system was brought in was because there were too many individual hunters com-



plaining they didn't get tags," Roberts said. "But at least, in the old system, they always had a calf tag. Now, once they successfully apply for a tag, they are back down to zero points and it might take a lot of years before they get another adult or calf tag. So they either have to join a group and pay money to support the camp, and hunt in way that they are not used to, or they might choose to hunt in a province where moose and tags are more plentiful. Or not hunt at all."

Also, people who are unsuccessful in their tag application will not buy licences that year, if they cannot find a party willing to accept them. Also new moose hunters will have to join an established party or apply for many years before they are eligible for tags – again, making the out of province option more appealing.

Likewise, she says, others who are intimidated by the new system, might quit altogether or visit places where moose are plentiful, and hunting is less complicated. In both case, she notes, moose hunting revenues will suffer.

Both also worry about how the system will affect hunt camps. "If a hunt camp goes a year or two without any tags (since calf tags now also need to be applied for) people in that camp might abandon it. Why pay for all the upkeep, leases and dogs, if there is no chance of hunting?"

Hodgson says, "The old system in which, if you bought a licence, you had a calf tag, was better for private landowners, because you could always be certain of a hunt."

Roberts also has concerns that the Big Game Management Advisory Committee, which provided recommendations to the MNRF, was not representative of moose hunters province wide.

"When they implemented the roundtable, there was no real southern input, other than one Ontario Federation of Angler and Hunters biologist. There were no women. There was no broad spectrum of input," she said.

"This system," Hodgson maintains, "favours northern lodge owners." (Obtaining a moose tag from a tourist outfitter does not affect a hunter's points.)

Both feel that, though the old system wasn't perfect, it could have been improved with less disruption.

On the other hand, both also concede that there are good aspects of the new regulations.

They like, for instance, that it got rid of "ghost hunters." The term refers to non-participating hunters who

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One reason the point system was brought in was because there were too many individual hunters complaining they didn't get tags.

— Kim Roberts

would apply for tags with no intention of joining a group. Rather, they simply applied for the tag in order to improve a group's odds of getting a tag. And, if the ghost hunter was successful, they would transfer the tag to someone in the group. The new system has also banned tag transfers, unless for exceptional circumstances, which Hodgson and Roberts also approve of.

In the end, however, they believe the problem is not with the old system but rather with a lack of field staff and surveys by MNRF staff.

"I don't think they (the MNRF) have a good knowledge of the resource anymore," Hodgson said.

They point to what they characterize as poorly done aerial surveys, lack of field staff, and lack of field work because of Covid.

"The biggest thing is that if they don't do the proper inventories no system will work," Hodgson said.

Asked if they felt the new system might eventually level the playing field in terms of tag allocations and possibly help moose numbers, both are unconvinced.

"We will have to wait until next year to see how this season went. It will be two or three years before we can determine if the new system is doing what it is supposed to do," Hodgson said.



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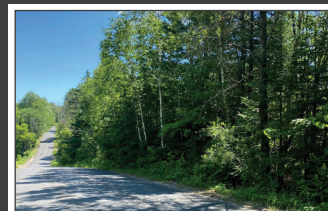


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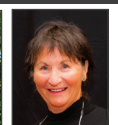


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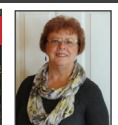
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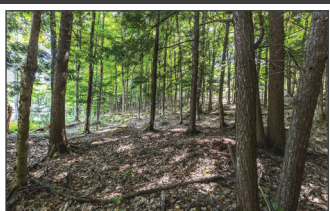
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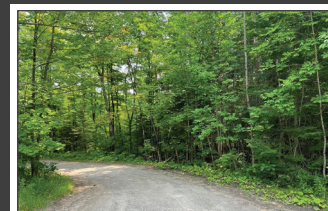
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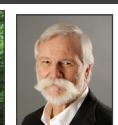
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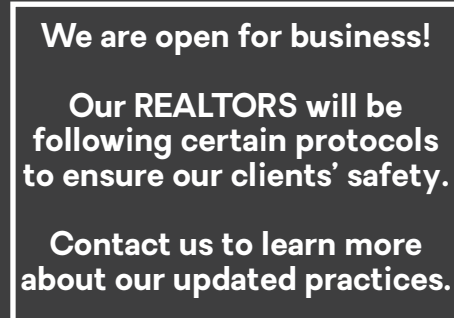


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Boshkung Lake water skiers make history for the books

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Staff Reporter

Former member of the Boshkung Lake Ski Club, Garth Mole, recently took time to reminisce about the days he and his fellow members would soar above Boshkung Lake to the applause of hundreds.

During the pandemic quarantine, Mole collected photographs from over those years and placed them in photo album that he will donate to Stanhope Museum for locals and tourists to look through.

Lake Boshkung Skiers was a club that ran from 1962 to 1969. It started with six men who were heavily involved in waterskiing on Boshkung Lake and eventually grew.

"The reason why I started this book is because when we started back in 1962, there were six of us. So during COVID, I got a hold of all the pictures and thought I'd better put it together, because there's only three of us left. We may not be around for a long time, and someone has to tell the story," said Mole.

"We decided to start a club but we needed money to do that, so we started doing ski shows, and eventually we got sponsors, got boats and motors, and we started this ski club and it became one of the best ski clubs in Canada," he added.

A reason the club was one of the best in Canada, is not only because all the skiers were spectacular, hence the show name "ski-tacular", but because there were quite a few champions on the team.

Andy Murdison, who passed two years ago, was a junior champion of



Former member of the well-known, Lake Boshkung Skiers of 1962-1969, Garth Mole, spent the early days of COVID-19 piecing together an photo ablum of their past ski-tacular shows. After all his hard work in making the album, he is to donate the album to Stanhope Museum, where he hopes the community will enjoy looking through the history of Lake Boshkung Skiers and their ski shows.

Canada and was one of the world's top water-skiers in the 1960's. He was inducted into Waterski and Wakeboard

Canada's Hall of Fame in 2011. He trained all over the world and eventually became a World Champion.

It should also be noted that Ross Pawson was another member who became
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Floodlights, flares, and kites were used to enhance ski shows

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a champion in Canada for men's slalom and Charlie Boudreau was a senior men's champion in Canada.

The Boshkung Skiers would have competitions at Matabanick Inn, on Boshkung Lake. To support their club, they travelled outside the county to put on shows as well.

"We were really lucky to have met Matabanick Inn. It was a resort. I think about it now that they were running a business and all of a sudden, there's 35 kids on their waterfront, waterskiing and they put up with us. I mean, it was parties at night and ski all day and motors going back and forth. All the guests at Matabanick Inn came to watch and really enjoyed it. It was entertainment to them," said Mole.

"We really did a good job, and to support the gas and boats, we did ski shows. Every long weekend, July, August and September, we did a night ski show. So it was strictly at nine o'clock at night with floodlights and flares, it was just amazing," he added Mole.

In an interview with Mole, he went through the album and shared the memories that he vividly remembers.

"We did it all over the place, and people would pay us money to put on the ski shows. See where it says Ski-tacular? That was the name of our shows and this is our flyer that we'd send out and we'd charge \$1 per adult and 25 cents for kids. We'd bring in \$1,000, and that's going back in 1962. That was a lot of people," he said.

The Boshkung Lake skiers had around 25 skiers at the time and about 50 members. They had two ski boats, about \$20,000 worth of inventory between boats, motors, skis, and their teams jackets. The funds for all of their equipment came from the success of their ski shows.

"We had people on the shores with the floodlights. We had people looking after skis and ropes and somebody on the dock saying who was next, then we had boat drivers. We had pickup boats because we had to pick up skis and ski-

ers who fell at night. You'd have a hard time finding them with all the floodlights and flares," recalled Mole.

"I'm proud of it. We had a really good name. I'm proud to have been a part of that ski club. We were all 20 years of age at the time and this is something that we spent seven years of our life doing. It's all we did. We had meetings, we worked, we skied," Mole added.

There were also many woman in the ski club. Some were even siblings of other members. Carole Pawson and Ross Pawson would often do acts together.

"We had a kite flying act, where Ross and his sister, Carole would do a trick out on the water. We had two kites going up into the air at the same time, it was a pretty big deal," said Mole.

Another thing we did, that a lot of people don't do, is ski from Toronto to Montreal. That was something interesting that I want people to know that I will always remember. I was skiing Expo, and I looked down and there's my aunt that lives down the road waving to me. Picked her out of the crowd, it was amazing," he added.

The response from the community back then was only positive. Everyone enjoyed what the Boshkung Lake skiers were doing.

"Boshkung people were fantastic. They loved it. The community, especially Boshkung Lake were really floored because it put them on the map. The rest of the people would go to a show and that was about it, but Boshkung Lake became well-known through us," said Mole.

In 2018, the remainder of the club came together for a reunion to celebrate their success and to remember their memories together.

"Overall, this is a story of six guys who started a club in 1962, that grew and ended up being one of Canada's top best water ski clubs in Canada. This album is important to not only myself, but the community because there's a lot of work went into it. This is history," concluded Mole.

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- CLUES ACROSS

 - 1. Flat-topped hill
 - 5. Move upward
 - 11. Admiration
 - 14. It's useful for serving food
 - 15. Kidnap
 - 18. One of the Greek Muses
 - 19. A type of media
 - 21. Sunscreen rating
 - 23. Former Michigan coach Brady
 - 24. German town devastated in WW2
 - 28. Gasteyer and Ortiz are two
 - 29. Leave
 - 30. Forearm bone
 - 32. Very fast airplane
 - 33. Helps little firms
 - 35. Defunct economic organization
 - 36. Science-based students organization (abbr.)
 - 39. Feels ill
 - 41. Indicates position
 - 42. Beverage containers
 - 44. Assists
 - 46. Science accreditation organization (abbr.)
 - 47. Purpose
 - 49. Group of elected officials
 - 52. Hebrew prophet
 - 56. They help you drink
 - 58. Lawmaker
 - 60. Charitable
 - 62. Doctrines
 - 63. Footwear

CLUES DOWN

 - 1. Where wrestlers work
 - 2. Dueling sword
 - 3. Practice fight
- 4. Genus of clams
 - 5. Fear of heights
 - 6. What some tell their dog
 - 7. The Golden State
 - 8. When you expect to get there
 - 9. Pointed ends
 - 10. Extinct flightless bird
 - 12. Feeds
 - 13. Nape of neck
 - 16. Descendant
 - 17. Small boats found in Turkey
 - 20. To avoid the risk of
 - 22. Athlete with no contract (abbr.)
 - 25. 13th letter of the Greek alphabet
 - 26. Brew
 - 27. Feeling of anxiety
 - 29. Young girls group
 - 31. Perform on stage
 - 34. White clerical vestment
 - 36. Popular musical awards show
 - 37. Bumpkins
 - 38. One who acts on another's behalf
 - 40. Direction
 - 43. Look at with fixed eyes
 - 45. One who helps professors (abbr.)
 - 48. A large number of
 - 50. Type of powder
 - 51. Large jug
 - 53. ___ Christian Anderson, children's author
 - 54. American state
 - 55. Muslim inhabitant of the Philippines
 - 57. Witness
 - 58. Landscapers lay it
 - 59. Type of bread
 - 61. Of I

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Haliburton-based musical duo Nick and Benton have been playing together since 2018. They're popular for their Bonfire Sessions, where they provide private concerts locals at their home or cottage around a bonfire or dock. Photo by Danielle Clements.

Duo engages with audience

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regular schedule to travel to the city for a video shoot, and we just had such a great time while we were in the city that the video didn't turn out that great. None of the footage worked out, and the performance wasn't good. We just partied for a couple days instead of doing what we should have been doing and so we came home empty handed, but it was the best time," Russell recalled.


"That memory stands out, but from a musical standpoint, we had a couple of the videos that we did this summer that have been really cool. We shot two amazing videos with Boshkung Brewery and Ontario Highlands that we're really proud of. These sort of extracurriculars that sort of complements the music that we're doing have been really special," added Brown.

Those living in the Highlands are encouraged to seek out Russell and Brown's work for the ultimate dockside concert.

"People can expect a very relaxed, laid back, but enjoyable entertainment experience. For Nick and I, part of the vibe that we create, or the fun and energy that we bring, is that we're just two nice guys that like meeting people, so we're very informal in our setup. We end up getting to know people and before long, we're playing their party every year, because we almost become part of their family," said Brown.

"We show up, have a couple of drinks with them, then play great music for them. People can just enjoy in a relaxed atmosphere in their home. People are so naturally relaxed, laid back and kickin' it at the cottage, so it's set up so perfectly for people to listen to music, to hang out and have a great time. We don't have to do much to get people into that mode because they're already there," Russell concluded.

For more information on Nick and Benton visit www.nickandbenton.com and follow their Instagram at [nickandbenton](https://www.instagram.com/nickandbenton) as they update frequently.



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PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ZONING BY-LAW 2005-120 (as amended)
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Pursuant to sections 22 (6.4) & 34 (10.7) under the requirements of the Planning Act RSO 1990 c.P.13 and applicable regulations, the Municipality of Dysart et al has received a complete application for an Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment to By-law 2005-120, as amended. The amendments are being reviewed and will be considered at a public meeting to be scheduled and further posted to the public at a future date.

Application:

File Nos. D10-OPA-2021-001 & D14-ZB-2021-006 - Harburn Holdings Ltd.

- Purpose and Effect: The proposed amendment will consider a proposed amendment to the Municipality's Official Plan, and an amendment to Zoning By-law 2005-120 in order to develop the subject property by dividing the land into four lots, and redesignating and rezoning the lots for medium density residential purposes, and mixed use commercial development on the subject lands.
- Location: Part Lots 9 & 10 Concession 8, Parts 1-5 RP 19R6486, In the Geographic Township of Dysart, Municipality of Dysart et al.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: about this application, and how to participate in the public process is available by contacting Kris Orsan, Senior Planner at korsan@dysartet.al.ca.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THIS MATTER INCLUDING INFORMATION ABOUT APPEAL RIGHTS: Contact the Planning and Land Information Department during regular office hours, Monday to Friday.

Dated at the Township of Dysart, this 7th day of September, 2021.

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Hall of Fame inductee sees power of belief to realize dreams

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“Hey, I’m an engineer. I’m not dumb,” he said. “Football is very dangerous. That’s the first thing and it’s very cut throat.”

He adds as a defensive back he was used to hearing a lot of trash talking while covering wide receivers, who he said were the “mouthiest” players on the field. Second to them were the defensive backs. The coaches for both groups were also equally mouthy.

“What you would get was, ‘Be glad you got a job Williams!’ You get a lot of that kind of talk. It’s all fun and games, but at the same time it’s very real. Everybody there needs that cheque and a lot of these guys from the U.S. really need that cheque and they’ll really use that against you. They’ll cut you or threaten to cut you. So, [it was often], ‘Cut the Canadian. He’s not going to go and join another team somewhere else per se he’s going to be here. He’s not going to be flying back and be out of town. I can call him two weeks later and get him back on the

team,’” he said.

He equated the treatment of players to being like a “piece of meat” and he even recounts leaving and then being asked to return, but with an increased salary.

With his academic background he didn’t have to solely rely on football to make money so left the game.

At the foundation of his strength are Christian tenets. He said the bible is his favourite book.

“I really believe in honesty. I really believe in doing things the proper way. We grew up as a very religious family. I think honesty and integrity and some of the principles that are taught in the bible ... at the end of the day you got to have some basis and morals for anything you do and there’s no book better than that,” he said.

Coincidentally, football wasn’t a passion for Williams growing up, who always liked basketball and track and field more. It came down to the odds for success that seemed to embolden his decision to play on the gridiron.

With 53 roster spots for a CFL team compared to 15 for an NBA basketball team, the law of averages to make a professional team was better. He actually loved basketball more than football.

It took some encouragement from one of his football coaches at Waterloo, who noticed CFL scouts watching him play, to put a tape together so his skills could be documented for the CFL draft. Playing professionally just

wasn’t part of his reality until then.

“Football was never a dream of mine. And it wasn’t until even my – three years of football at Waterloo – it was my last year of football my coach said, ‘Hey, there are some scouts here looking to come and see other players, a running back, but everybody keeps asking about, ‘Hey, who’s that guy there?’ And he said you should probably put together a little highlight reel together because maybe you might get drafted. And we did that.’ It was from that point there where I started to dream about playing professional football. You know, making the big play. Making the big interception, or doing this, or doing that. I never really did that as a kid. I missed out on that,” he said. “It’s nice to be able to dream and I know I didn’t have those representations when I was growing up in Haliburton. For example, that is what those murals can bring, or any sort of recognition in Haliburton to definitely for other Black kids, minorities, Asian, Indian, Indigenous ... it could be even just poor people to understand, you know what even if you don’t come from a lot ... believe in your self. Keep plugging away. Just keeping doing what you can do. Differentiate yourself from other people and keep working hard and there’s a chance that you can be anything you put your mind to,” he said.

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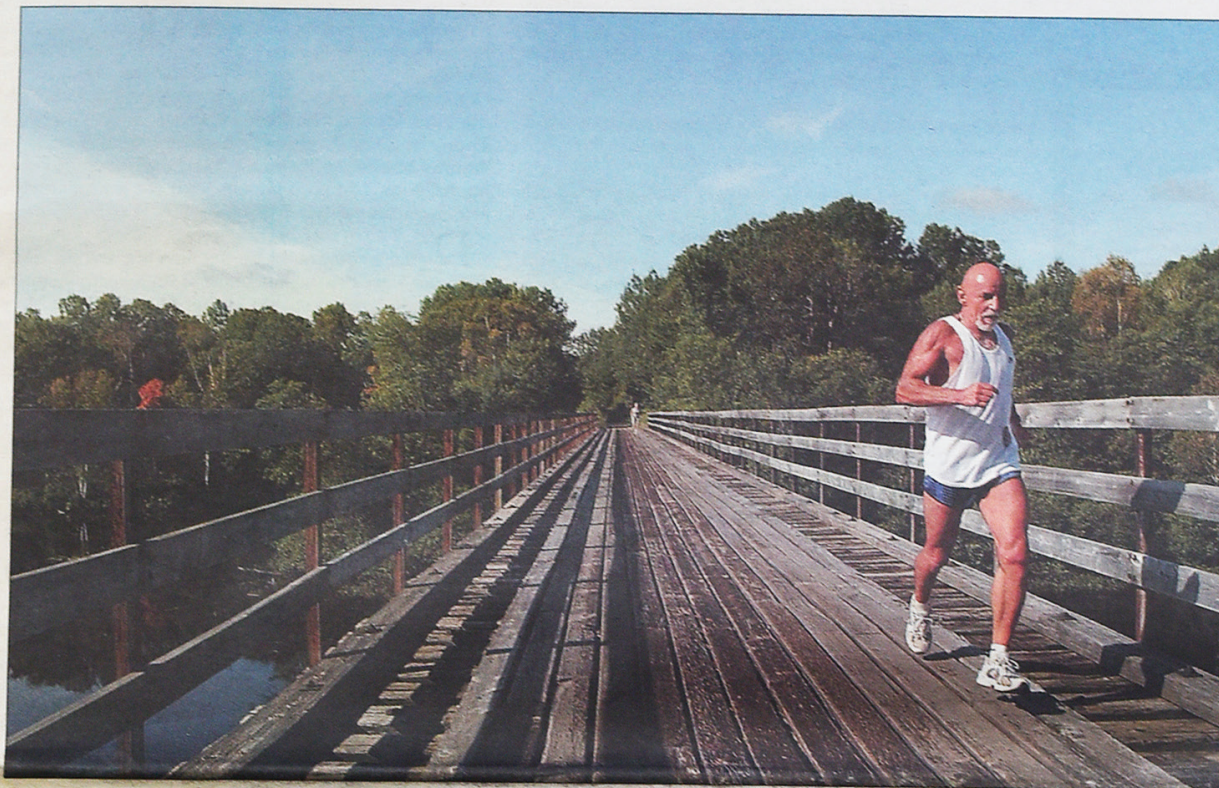
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A start to Rail Trail Relay

Local resident Marcel Crete runs across the Trestle Bridge just outside of Kinmount during the first leg of the Rail Trail Relay - Kinmount to Haliburton on Saturday, Aug. 28. For more photos and results of the inaugural event, see page 8.

911 numbering system slowly making its way to Haliburton village

ANDY LLOYD
Staff Reporter

Although it may be one of the last places to be done, Haliburton village will get its 911 numbering system by the end of the year. But the system will be different from most of the county's rural areas.

The numbering in Haliburton will be similar to many civic addressing systems, with ordered street numbers that start at one. Odd numbers will be on one side of the street, evens on the other.

But it's not entirely that simple. The numbers will still take distance into account. In the case of the village, numbers will roughly correspond to the dis-

tance in metres an address is from the beginning of that road. A mathematical formula assigns numbers within a 10-metre margin. So for example, if your house is 100 metres from the start of the road but you happen to be on the "odd" side of the street, you could be assigned 99. This allows the "evens and odds" system that most people are familiar with to work.

So where is the start of a road? The 911 protocol calls for numbering from west to east and south to north. Or if a road dead-ends, the numbering starts at the initial intersection.

There is no option for people to choose their own numbers.

Things get a little tricky on the main street, where several tenants can be in one building. In

this case, each unit that has a doorway opening on to the street will get its own 911 number. But in the case of the Stedmans mall, the building will have just one 911 number, and each internal tenant will have a separate unit number. The same applies to apartment buildings like Mountain View. As well, properties that front on York Street will have their own 911 numbers.

But the 911 team doesn't have any answers for downtown Haliburton property owners who want to know what their number sign will look like or how it will be displayed.

On the main streets, it's not appropriate to put metal poles into the sidewalks, with blue and white numbers attached. So

the numbers will be attached to the buildings themselves. But Stephen Foster, the County's 911 coordinator, says no decisions have been made as to how this will be done.

The aesthetics of the signs will be a major factor. Foster says he doesn't want the 911 number signs to contribute to sign pollution. One thing is for sure: the appearance of the numbers will be consistent throughout the town.

The ordered, "odds and evens" numbering system in the village will apply to the geographic area bordered on the west by the Industrial Park, to the north by Harburn Road, on the east by Skyline Park Road and to the south by Brohm

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Frost Centre closure adds to Water Festival's costs

SHERYL LOUCKS
Staff Reporter

The Trillium Lakelands District School Board's Children's Water Festival has been postponed to next year after the unexpected closure of the Leslie M. Frost Natural Resources Centre. The board was unable to find a new venue for the event.

A total of 1,600 children had been expecting to attend the festival on September 30 and October 1. The festival was for children in Grades 2 to 6 and was designed to teach them about water conservation. The plan had been to bus children to the Frost Centre where they would spend a day going through 30 different stations to do hands-on activities with water or see demonstrations of the inner workings of different plumbing devices. On the second day a different group of kids would do the same thing.

The stations are directly tied to the curriculum. In Grade 2 there is a unit on properties and movement; in Grade 5, the focus is on energy conservation; and in Grade 3 a unit talks about forces and movement.

Trustee Val Smith says the loss of the Frost Centre is a huge blow to the festival. She says staff members Barrie Martin and John Etches had

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KUSHOG LAKE \$1,300,000



A Southwest facing point of land, on Kushog Lake – with 275 feet of shoreline. Experience beautiful sunsets. This 2,300 sq ft Classic cottage is situated on 1 acre. Level lot and includes a hill at the rear rising over 100 ft where you will find a Gazebo with a 3-mile view of the lake. The hill property goes back over 400 feet to Crown Land.

IRONDALE RIVER \$759,000



This beautiful 3-bdrm 1 bath year-round home or cottage. With over 200 feet of frontage and 3.24 acres, this level property provides ample privacy. Sand riverfront shoreline is perfect for swimming. Built in 2015 and offers a spacious kitchen finished with wood cabinetry, ceramic flooring, and a large island. The dining room is the perfect size for your family's harvest table. Sunken living room with walkout to the large front deck.

OLD DONALD ROAD \$729,000



This 3 bdrm, 3 bath bungalow is a pleasure to view both inside and out. Open concept living with the tastefully designed kitchen. Generous sized living room with floor to ceiling windows. The primary bedroom features a walk-in closet, ensuite bath, and large patio doors. Forced air propane heating, and air conditioning. Level, landscaped, 4.5-acre lot. Gorgeous and spacious 3 season Haliburton room. Two detached outbuildings.

MAIN STREET REZ \$529,000



A one-of-a-kind unique investment opportunity currently filling a great need for affordable housing in the community. "Main Street Rez" offers two residential condo units and comes fully rented and provides a substantial income per month for the owner. The 24-hour inhouse maintenance is a bonus, this will keep you stress free from the daily coordination and maintenance of condo ownership.

GLAMORGAN ROAD \$509,000



This 100+ ac off-grid Hunt Camp is abound with wildlife and beautiful vistas - there's a little something here for everyone! The property offers scenic walking trails, marshes and ponds. With Crown Land all around, this property is a gateway to thousands of acres of wildlife and a beautiful large pond on the abutting Crown acreage. Rustic yet comfortable amenities including a cistern, outhouse, grey water pit and is wired for a generator. This secluded and private property is a rare find and truly a must see.

COPE LAKE ROAD \$499,000



Looking for privacy? Then this 2+1 bdrm, 2 bath home or home away from home is for you! Nestled amongst 7.85 acres of nicely treed property with a small stream and crown land across the road. Municipal access to pretty Cope Lake just down the road. Warm and cozy main living area with walkout to the deck. Open concept kitchen and dining area with ample natural lighting. Very well constructed and efficient home with many recent upgrades.

GELERT ROAD \$449,000



Fantastic 3 bdrm, 2 bath family home. Perfect for the outdoor enthusiast. Tranquil wooded backyard backs onto the Haliburton Rail Trail. Enjoy walking, four-wheeling, and snowmobiling for year-round enjoyment. Kitchen features a generous sized island, inside entry to the attached garage, and a walkout to the back deck. Walking distance to schools, shopping, hospital, recreation and Head Lake Park. This lovely family home is waiting for you.

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